

MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
COUNCIL
OF THE
Dominion Alliance
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HELD IN THE
TEMPERANCE HALL, TORONTO
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LIST OF MEMBERS

*Of the Council of the Dominion Alliance who registered their names at
the annual meeting, 1897.*

NAME.	ADDRESS.	SOCIETY OR BODY REPRESENTED.
Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D.	Brantford	General Conference Meth. Church
Rev. W. A. MacKay, D.D.	Woodstock	General Assembly Presby. Church
A. M. Featherston	Montreal	Quebec Grand Council R. T. of T.
Rev. D. L. Brethour, Ph.D.	Hamilton	Hamilton Conference Meth. Church
Rev. G. Washington	Sandford	Ontario Branch Dominion Alliance
Mrs. Mary Wiley	Richmond Hill	Ontario Provincial W.C.T.U.
Miss Lillian M. Phelps	St. Catharines	Ontario Branch Dominion Alliance
Rev. J. S. Williamson, D.D.	Mt. Forest	General Conference Meth. Church
Rev. J. A. Turnbull	Toronto	General Assembly Presby. Church
Rev. Walter Rigsby	Blyth	London Conference Meth. Church
Rev. H. Dierlamm	Chesley	Canada Conference Evangelical Ass'n
Rev. C. W. Watch	Brighton	Bay of Quinte Conference Meth. Ch.
J. M. Walton	Kettleby	Ontario Grand Division S. of T.
W. R. Hibbard	St. Andrews E.	Ontario and Quebec Congre'n Union
J. A. Miller	Greenbank	Ontario Grand Division S. of T.
John A. Paterson	Toronto	General Assembly Presby. Church
Mrs. H. Campbell	Hamilton	Ontario Branch Dominion Alliance
A. L. McIntyre	Owen Sound	Ontario Branch Dominion Alliance
M. H. Fitzpatrick, M.P.P.	New Glasgow, N.S.	Nova Scotia Grand Division S. of T.
Rev. D. V. Lucas, D.D.	Grimsby	Toronto Conference Meth. Church
Mrs. H. H. Wallace	London	Ontario Branch Dominion Alliance
Rev. Thos. Griffith, D.D.	Brockville	Montreal Conference Meth. Church
Mrs. A. M. Waters	Hamilton	Ontario Branch Dominion Alliance
Michael Auger	Roxton Pond, Q.	Quebec Branch Dominion Alliance
Mrs. J. R. Cavers	Galt	Ontario Provincial W.C.T.U.
Mrs. T. Christie	Toronto	Ontario Branch Dominion Alliance
Rev. D. N. McCamus	Port Perry	Bay of Quinte Conference Meth. Ch.
Rev. Austin Potter	Hagersville	Hamilton Conference Meth. Church
W. M. F. Evans	Medicine Hat	N.W.T. Grand Council R. T. of T.
Rev. W. Frizzell	Toronto	General Assembly Presby. Church
Daniel Rose	Toronto	Ontario Grand Lodge I.O.G.T.
Rev. W. Kettlewell	Galt	Ontario Grand Council R. T. of T.
Wm. H. Orr	Toronto	Treasurer Council Dominion Alliance

J. R. Dougall.....	Montreal	Quebec Branch Dominion Alliance
Rev. G. Stafford.....	Barnston, Q.....	Quebec Grand Council R. T. of T.
Rev. T. M. Campbell	Campbellford	Ontario Branch Dominion Alliance
J. K. Stewart.....	Toronto	Ontario Grand Division S. of T.
Joseph Tait.....	Toronto	Ontario Branch Dominion Alliance
Miss E. S. Cosford	London	Ontario Provincial W.C.T.U.
Mrs. M. M. Brownell.....	Toronto	Dominion W.C.T.U.
Mrs. E. A. Wheeler.....	Paris.....	Dominion W.C.T.U.
Wm. Bowman	London	London Conference Meth. Church
Mrs. S. V. Spence	Toronto	Ontario Branch Dominion Alliance
Mrs. J. H. Carson	Montreal	Quebec Provincial W.C.T.U.
E. S. Cummer	Toronto	Ontario Grand Lodge I.O.G.T.
Mrs. E. S. Cummer.....	Toronto	Ontario Branch Dominion Alliance
James Hughes	Toronto	Dominion Council R. T. of T.
Rev. S. G. Stone, D.D. ..	Shelburne	Toronto Conference Meth. Church
Rev. A. C. Courtice, B.D.	Toronto	Montreal Conference Meth. Church
L. C. Peake	Toronto	Ontario Branch Dominion Alliance
A. D. Weeks	Toronto	Ontario Branch Dominion Alliance
W. H. Bewell.....	Whitby	Ontario Grand Division S. of T.
Geo. Spence.....	Toronto	Ontario Branch Dominion Alliance
Rev. C. W. Brown.....	Amherstburg	London Conference Meth. Church
Mrs. A. O. Rutherford....	Toronto	Ontario Branch Dominion Alliance
J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., L.L.D.	Toronto	General Conference Meth. Church
Sturgeon Stewart, Ph.D.	Toronto	Ontario Branch Dominion Alliance
Rev. W. Burns	Toronto	Toronto and Kingst'n-Syn'd Pres. Ch.
F. Buchanan	Toronto	Dominion Council R. T. of T.
J. T. Middleton, M.P.P. ..	Hamilton	Ontario Branch Dominion Alliance
J. H. Carson	Montreal	Quebec Branch Dominion Alliance
Rev. J. W. Cooley	St. George	Hamilton Conference Meth. Church
J. A. Austin	Toronto	Dominion Council R. T. of T.
J. Geo. Miller.....	Greenbank	Ontario Branch Dominion Alliance
Rev. J. Grenfell.....	Kingston.....	Quebec Branch Dominion Alliance
T. Dixon Craig, M.P.	Port Hope.....	Ontario and Quebec Baptist Conven.
Hon. G. W. Ross	Toronto	Ontario Branch Dominion Alliance
Hon. A. Vidal	Sarnia	President Council Dominion Alliance
Rev. J. Scanlon.....	Athens.....	Quebec Branch Dominion Alliance
Rev. S. Bond	Seaforth.....	London Conference Meth. Church
Rev. A. Carman, D.D.	Toronto	Ontario Branch Dominion Alliance
F. S. Spence	Toronto	Secretary Council Dominion Alliance

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The Annual Meeting of the Council of the Dominion Alliance was opened at one o'clock in the afternoon, Hon. A. Vidal presiding.

Proceedings were begun with prayer led by Rev. W. A. MacKay, D.D.

The minutes of last session were submitted in printed form and on motion were taken as read and confirmed.

The following members of the council were appointed a Committee on Business and Nominations: J. R. Dougall, Montreal; W. M. F. Evans, Medicine Hat; W. H. Fitzpatrick, New Glasgow, N.S.; Miss M. L. Phelps, St. Catharines, Rev. W. Kettlewell, Galt; J. A. Paterson and F. S. Spence, Toronto.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Dr. J. J. Maclaren, Chairman of the Executive Committee presented the annual report which was received and read as follows:—

To the Council of the Dominion Alliance:—

Your Executive Committee respectfully submits for your consideration the following Report of progress made during the

past year in relation to the Prohibition movement throughout the Dominion of Canada.

THE DOMINION PLEBISCITE.

At the last annual meeting of the Alliance Council, the Executive was instructed to appoint a deputation to wait upon the Dominion Government at as early a date as possible to ask for prohibitory legislation. The meeting also instructed the Executive to prepare for the plebiscite campaign, if the Dominion Government promised action in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Liberal party before the last general election.

Accordingly a deputation waited on the Dominion Government at Ottawa on September 3rd, 1896, and presented the request of the Council. Sixty-nine persons took part in the deputation, representatives being present from many different parts of the Dominion. In reply to the deputation, Hon. Mr. Laurier, leader of the Government, stated his interest in the work promoted by the delegation, his gratification at the progress that had been made in temperance during the years of his political life, and the intention of the Government to fully carry out the policy which had been laid down. In reference to the matter, he made the following statement :

It is the intention of the Liberal Party to carry out to the letter every article of its programme within the very shortest possible limit. There is no intention to delay. On the contrary, speaking even politically, it is perhaps the best policy of all to deal with the question within the shortest time. It is not our intention this session, but I have every hope that next session, and not later, we shall introduce the legislation promised.

The deputation carefully discussed the reply that had been given by the leader of the Government, and on motion of Mr. Walter Paul, seconded by Mr. S. J. Carter, adopted the following resolution :—

That this meeting, having heard the statement of the Hon. Mr. Laurier, Premier of the Dominion, desires to express its satisfaction with his promise, and calls upon temperance workers everywhere to get ready to give all help possible, that when the plebiscite is taken, the temperance vote shall be successful.

The Legislation Committee of the Alliance Council met on the afternoon of the same day, and in view of the action that had already been taken, adopted the following resolution :—

Whereas, it is the Government's declared intention to introduce legislation at the next session of Parliament for taking a plebiscite on Prohibition, we are therefore of the opinion that it would be undesirable to introduce any resolution at this session on the question.

At the opening of the last session of Parliament, a meeting of the Legislation Committee was again held at Ottawa, at which the following resolution was unanimously adopted :—

That a Committee be appointed to examine the Plebiscite Bill when introduced into Parliament, and to again call this Committee together to consider the Bill if it should be found that the Bill contains any provision making such special consideration desirable.

The meeting at which this resolution was adopted was largely attended. The following persons were appointed the special Committee mentioned : Messrs. T. B. Flint, T. D. Craig, Hon. A. Vidal, J. Charlton and G. W. Gagnon.

Following up their instructions your Executive Committee have corresponded with friends in different Provinces giving all possible information about organization. The delay in the submission of the plebiscite question, however, has precluded the inauguration of active campaign work, which cannot be carried on with special energy and enthusiasm for an indefinite length of time.

At the opening of the present session of Parliament the speech from the throne announced the plebiscite measure as one of those to be submitted. In consequence of other business, however, it was not dealt with by the House. To a deputation from the Montreal Conference of the Methodist Church which waited upon the Government on June 7th, Sir Richard Cartwright, in the absence of the Premier, stated that most assuredly a bill providing for a plebiscite "would be tabled at a very early period next session, which would not be more than a few months hence, as the Government desired in future to meet earlier in the year."

It will thus be seen that the date of the plebiscite is still uncertain, but that provision for taking it will not likely be postponed longer than till next session of Parliament.

THE TAXATION QUESTION.

On May 13th last a large deputation representing the liquor interests of the Dominion waited upon the Government and

expressed their desire that the plebiscite should not take the form of a vote upon the abstract question of prohibition. The deputation urged that if Prohibition were enacted it would involve, through loss of revenue and expense of enforcement, an increased taxation of about two dollars per head for the population of the Dominion; that this additional amount would have to be raised by direct taxation; and that the question to be submitted to the people should be so framed that those voting in favor of Prohibition would also be voting for this additional levy. It was also urged that provision should be made for compensating those engaged in the liquor traffic, if Prohibition should be enacted. The deputation also wished to have it understood that Prohibition would not be enacted unless the votes in favor of it amounted to at least fifty per cent of the number of names on the Voters' Lists.

In replying to the deputation the premier declined to commit the Government to the proposition that, before legislation it was necessary to have any particular portion of the whole vote polled in favor of such legislation. He stated "that a law to be effective must be based upon the popular will, absolutely and unmistakeably expressed," and that, if the people thus declared in favor of prohibition "it must be the duty of the Government to stand by the will of the people." He expressed the view that it was not necessary to submit the question of compensation to the electors, and stated that the matter of submitting the question of taxation would be considered by the Government in framing the Bill.

A statement was subsequently published in some newspapers to the effect that the Government had resolved upon submitting to the electors, along with the question of Prohibition, the question of whether or not the electors desired to have the lost revenue replaced by direct taxation.

Your Committee believed that such a proposal was eminently unfair, and accordingly appealed to prohibitionists in different parts of the Dominion to press this fact upon the attention of the Government. A circular letter was prepared and widely circulated, containing the following statement:—

You will have noticed in the daily papers reports of the representations made on May 13th by a deputation representing the liquor business, which waited upon the Dominion Premier. Hon. Mr. Laurier stated to the deputation that in his opinion it would be necessary to resort to direct taxation to replace the revenue now derived from the liquor traffic. The representatives of the traffic expressed a desire that in the approaching plebiscite, the question or questions to be submitted to the electors should be so framed as to ask their opinion upon prohibition coupled with this specific taxation condition.

You will readily see how unfair such a plan would be to the friends of prohibition. It would tend to array against the measure that large section of the community that does not believe in direct taxation as a revenue plan, and would complicate the question of prohibition with the question of what fiscal policy is most desirable. It would also tend to invite the opposition to prohibition of those people who object to an increase of taxation.

The political party at present in power, before being endorsed by the electorate, promised a plebiscite on prohibition. The electorate expected from the statement made that the proposed plebiscite would be such as had already been taken in the Provinces of Manitoba, Ontario, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. The taking of a vote on another plan or in regard to other questions could not be looked upon by friends of temperance as a faithful fulfilment of the promise given.

You are earnestly requested to write or telegraph immediately to members of the Government, and to your representative in the House of Commons respectfully but strongly protesting against the suggestion of the liquor party, and urging that the vote to be taken shall be upon the simple and definite issue of the prohibition question. Kindly also do all you can to persuade other friends of our cause to take similar action. This matter ought to be pushed without a moment's delay. Help us all you can.

Along with this circular was sent out a further statement of the arguments against the unjust proposal of the liquor dealers.

This action met with a prompt and earnest response. Ecclesiastical bodies which subsequently held their annual meetings, and different Temperance Organizations throughout the country, passed strong resolutions protesting against any yielding to the proposal of the liquor dealers. The question was taken up and vigorously discussed in leading journals. Deputations waited upon the Government regarding it, and to one of these deputations, that already mentioned in another connection, Sir Richard Cartwright, representing the Government, made a statement which is reported as follows :—

For his part he did not regard direct taxation as an unmixed evil, but that was his own individual opinion, and he was not to be construed as pledging his colleagues to it. There was a great deal of force in the deputation's contentions that they should not be called upon to submit this question in conjunction with direct taxation. The Government desired to give the temperance men full and fair play, and was determined that the plebiscite should be had in such a way as to express the will of the people.

AN IMPORTANT PUBLICATION.

In accordance with the instructions given by last meeting, the Executive arranged for the publication of a Manual embodying the most important of the information to be found in the Report of the Royal Commission on the Liquor Traffic. A volume was prepared by the Secretary, containing 336 pages of valuable statistics and arguments, condensed from the seven bulky volumes which make up the report. Two thousand five hundred copies of this were issued. One was sent to each person who subscribed directly one dollar or more to the fund raised to lay the case for prohibition before the Commission. A number of copies were distributed to persons named by leading officers of the various churches and temperance societies that contributed to the fund. Other copies were sent to other persons most likely to make good use of the information contained in the book. This distribution resulted in the sending out of copies as follows:—

To persons named by Presbyterian Church Officers	200
“ “ “ “ Methodist “ “	125
“ “ “ “ other “ “	15
“ “ “ “ Officers of R. T. of T.	235
“ “ “ “ “ “ W. C. T. Unions	145
“ “ “ “ “ “ I. O. G. T.	90
“ “ “ “ “ “ S. of T.	65
“ Individual subscribers	125
“ Members of the House of Commons and Senators	250
“ Canadian Newspapers	250
“ Leading Officers of Temperance Societies and Temperance Journals in other countries	150

Persons who subscribed very large amounts were also given the privilege of naming some persons to whom copies were sent.

It was decided to retain the remainder to be sold at thirty cents per copy, the price being fixed for the purpose of ensuring the work finding its way into the hands of persons who would make good use of it.

PROVINCIAL PROGRESS.

Ontario.—In this Province some advance has been made during the year in the extension of the area of territory under prohibition through the operation of Local Option By-Laws.

An Act was passed further amending and improving the Provincial License Law in the following particulars:—(a) Further limiting the number of tavern licenses that may be issued proportionately to the population. (b) Imposing further restriction on the sale of liquor by druggists. (c) Providing that all bar-rooms shall be closed at 11 p.m. in cities and towns, and at 10 p.m. elsewhere. (d) Prohibiting the sale of liquor to persons apparently under the age of twenty-one years. (e) Abolishing saloon licenses. (f) Prohibiting the issue of new licenses to take effect within three hundred feet of any buildings used for religious or educational purposes. (g) Giving electors power under certain conditions to prevent the renewal of existing licenses.

Manitoba.—An Act was passed to amend the Liquor License Act in this Province: (a) Giving authority to women to act for their husbands when absent, in regard to recommendations or petitions regarding licenses. (b) Making the provisions of the law preventing the renewal of existing licenses more easy of operation. (c) Making more stringent the law relating to the sale of liquor by druggists. (d) Further limiting the hours during which liquor selling is prohibited in incorporated villages in rural municipalities.

Nova Scotia.—A bill was introduced into the Nova Scotia Legislature on February 20th, 1897, providing for the total prohibition of the retail sale of liquor within the province. The Act was carefully drawn, and was based upon an opinion given by legal authority that the Provincial Legislature had power to enact such a measure. The Bill was printed by order of the

House of Assembly for information, and laid over for further consideration. It is the intention of its promoters to have it re-introduced and pressed at the next session of the Legislature.

Quebec.—The Quebec Branch of the Alliance had the misfortune during the year of losing its papers and records by fire.

Both licensed victuallers and friends of temperance endeavored unsuccessfully during the year to obtain amendments to the license law.

A general Provincial election has been held, resulting in a change of Government. The new Premier, Hon. G. T. Marchand, states that the present Government is a temperance Government, and that four of the Ministers are total abstainers. Quebec friends believe that they have not lost ground in the change. In the election all candidates were questioned, and many promised to make restriction of the liquor traffic a prominent issue whenever possible.

An effort was made by the liquor party in the Town of Richmond, situate in a Scott Act County, to have a vote taken on the question of repealing the law in the town without regard to the surrounding country. The petition was refused by the Government.

A petition has been filed at Ottawa asking for a Scott Act vote in the County of Port Neuf. This county is almost entirely French Canadian in its population, and it is confidently anticipated that the Act will be carried by a substantial majority. The voting takes place on July 26th.

A special provincial committee has been appointed and a plan of work arranged for the plebiscite campaign, further action being deferred until the plebiscite Bill is introduced into Parliament.

Prince Edward Island.—Three years having elapsed since the last voting upon the Scott Act in the City of Charlottetown, a repeal petition has again been filed. At present the whole Province of Prince Edward Island is under the Scott Act. It would be unfortunate if any part of it were to lose the benefit of this law. Our friends in Charlottetown are making a strong

fight, and our Secretary, immediately after this Convention, will go to their assistance. Voting takes place on July 22nd.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A number of meetings of the Executive Committee have been held during the year, also two meetings of the Legislation Committee and a special Conference of representatives forming the deputation to wait upon the Government.

The Executive Committee resolved to appoint a sub-committee to prepare, issue and recommend literature for use in the plebiscite contest. It was also decided that a special day should be fixed for the simultaneous commencement of campaign work throughout the Dominion. These plans will, it is hoped, be carried out as soon as the Plebiscite Bill is introduced into Parliament.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. S. SPENCE,
Secretary.

J. J. MACLAREN,
Chairman of Executive.

On motion of Dr. MacLaren, seconded by Rev. Dr. Lucas, the report was received.

THE MEETING ORGANIZED.

Rev. Mr. Kettlewell presented the following report of the Business Committee which, on motion, was considered clause by clause and adopted.

Your Committee on Business recommend :—

1. That no person speak longer than ten minutes, or more than once on any motion, provided, however, that the Chairman of any Committee may speak for a second time for not longer than five minutes to close debate on his report. This rule shall not be departed from except by permission of the Council, which shall be granted or refused without debate.

2. That the resolutions offered shall be referred to appropriate committees without debate. The mover of any resolution shall have the right to appear before the committee to which said resolution is referred, with the privilege of briefly explaining the reasons for submitting the same.

3. That all resolutions offered to the Council be submitted in writing.

4. That the Council adjourn this afternoon at six, to meet again at eight this evening.

5. That the Business Committee be a Committee on Nominations, with power to add other names to the committees.

6. That the following committees be appointed :

(a) Finance Committee—W. H. Orr, J. R. Dougall, A. D. Weeks.

(b) Committee on Parliamentary and Political Action—Rev. W. A. MacKay, D.D., Rev. D. L. Brethour, Ph.D., A. M. Featherston, W. R. Hibbard, J. A. Paterson, M. Auger, Mrs. M. Wiley, D. Rose, Rev. W. Kettlewell, W. H. Orr, J. R. Dougall, Joseph Tait, T. D. Craig, M.P., F. S. Spence, Rev. J. W. Cooley, Senator Vidal, Mrs. Brownell, Mrs. Rutherford, J. T. Middleton, E. J. T. Fisher, M.D.

(c) Plebiscite Campaign Committee—J. J. MacLaren, Q. C., Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D., Rev. J. A. Turnbull, Rev. H. Dierlamn, J. M. Walton, M. H. Fitzpatrick, Rev. D. V. Lucas, Hon. G. W. Ross, Mrs. Cavers, Rev. G. Washington, Miss L. M. Phelps, W. M. F. Evans, Rev. G. Stafford, Rev. T. M. Campbell, D.D., Rev. Dr. Dewart, Mrs. Wheeler, J. H. Carson, Geo. Spence, Rev. W. Burns, E. S. Cummer, A. D. Weeks, J. Austin.

(d) Committee on Resolutions—Rev. J. S. Williamson, D.D., Rev. W. Rigsby, Rev. C. W. Watch, J. A. Miller, Rev. T. M. Campbell, Rev. T. Griffith, Ph.D., Mrs. Christie, D. N. McCamus, Rev. A. Potter, Rev. W. Frizzell, J. K. Stewart, Miss Cosford, Mrs. J. H. Carson, Mrs. F. S. Spence, James Hughes, Mrs. E. S. Cummer, W. H. Bewell, Sturgeon Stewart, J. Grenfell.

On motion of Mr. W. H. Orr, seconded by Dr. MacKay, it was resolved that Rev. J. W. Cooley, of St. George, be received as corresponding member of this Council, one of the delegates of the Methodist Conference to which he belonged being absent.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Ross the report of the Executive Committee was referred to the various committees appointed for such action as might be found necessary.

FINANCES.

The Treasurer, Mr. W. H. Orr, presented his annual report and moved its reference to the Finance Committee. The motion was carried. The report was as follows :

The undersigned Treasurer of the Dominion Alliance begs leave to report for the twelve months ending July 14th, 1897, as follows :

During the twelve months the receipts have been *nil*, but not so the payments. The following is a statement of the latter :

1896.		
May 7.	Balance due the Treasurer	\$2 45
June 29.	Address to Electors, dated May, 1896.	7 50
"	300 Circulars, calling meeting	1 50

July 25.	Rent of Temperance Hall, annual meeting	3 00
Aug. 31.	Circulars about deputation to Ottawa	3 50
Sept. 1.	Printing 1000 copies Minutes	16 00
1897.		
May 18.	500 Circulars in re plebiscite	1 75
May 20.	1000 Circulars, extract from <i>Camp Fire</i>	1 50
June 30.	Sundry cash items	4 05
July 13.	Postage, December 31st, 1895, to date	50 42

Balance due to Treasurer \$91 67

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM H. ORR, *Treasurer*.

Toronto, July 14th, 1897.

On motion the Council adjourned till four o'clock to allow the committees to prepare their reports.

THE PLEBISCITE CAMPAIGN.

Council resumed business at four o'clock.

Rev. J. A. Turnbull on behalf of the Plebiscite Campaign Committee presented the following report which was considered clause by clause and adopted.

That we recommend the Council to refer the matter of literature to the Executive Committee, this Council to furnish and supply the same forthwith, and that information be given the Provincial Alliance officers of the literature that is available.

That we express our appreciation of the advanced position on the temperance question taken by the temperance and religious papers and by a portion of the secular press, and our confident reliance upon them for support in the coming campaign.

That attention be drawn to the volumes entitled "Facts of the Case" and "The Vanguard" by Mr. Spence as valuable sources of information for speakers and writers.

That the preparation of literature for the French speaking people be left to the Executive of the Quebec Alliance, and literature for the German to the Executive of the Ontario Alliance.

That we express our appreciation of the valuable services rendered the temperance cause, by Mr. J. W. Bengough through his cartoons, and trust that his ready pencil will long continue to help forward the good cause.

That it be an instruction to the Executive for the ensuing year that they urge upon Provincial Executives the perfecting of county and local organization at as early a date as possible.

That we recognize the efficient services rendered by the various Young People's Societies in the past and look to them with hope for help in the future.

That the Executive form a platform bureau in each Province, with a list of speakers who will be available for addressing meetings.

SUNDRY RESOLUTIONS.

Rev. Dr. Griffith on behalf of the Committee on Resolutions, submitted the following report which was received and adopted.

1. That this Council of the Dominion Alliance send greeting to all our brethren who in various parts of the Dominion are engaged in contests to maintain the Scott Act, the Dunkin Act and in local option contests, assuring them of our most cordial sympathy and prayers for their success and sincerely hoping no ground will be lost to the temperance cause at this critical moment in its history.

2. That we desire to express our appreciation of the removal of the bar from the House of Commons and deeply regret that the Senate failed to follow the good example.

3. That we re-affirm the resolution adopted at the session of this Alliance Council in Montreal, regarding the question of woman's suffrage, namely, that this convention recognizes the power of the ballot in all questions of moral reform and desiring to place on record its appreciation of the work of the temperance women of Canada for the annihilation of the liquor traffic, is of the opinion that properly qualified women should no longer be denied the right of parliamentary franchise.

4. That as the present Dominion Government is pledged to submit the question of total prohibition to the people in the form of a Dominion plebiscite, it is essential that a central fund be raised for the dissemination of literature throughout the country, and that every Province and locality be urged to immediately perfect organization to secure from that plebiscite such a victory as will ensure us the speedy enactment and thorough enforcement of a prohibitory law for the Dominion.

5. That in the opinion of this Council, it is eminently desirable that the sale of intoxicating liquors in connection with military schools, sergeants' and officers' messes, canteens of the North-West Mounted Police and assemblages of troops for annual drill, should be abolished, and that the Executive of this body be instructed to communicate forthwith with the Minister of Militia and the Minister of the Interior, and request that they will have orders issued carrying out the views herein expressed.

6. That in the opinion of this Council in anticipation of the Plebiscite vote, the friends of temperance should in every municipality take special steps to procure the registration of all voters favorable to prohibition, and a careful scrutiny of the lists on which the vote will be taken.

POLITICAL AND LEGISLATIVE ACTION.

The following report of the Committee on Parliamentary and Political Action was presented by Rev. A. C. Courtice, considered clause by clause, and adopted:—

1. Whereas the Dominion Government at the opening of the last session of Parliament, in the speech from the throne, promised to the country a bill authorizing and arranging for a plebiscite throughout the

Dominion on the prohibition of the liquor traffic, but the promised Bill was not introduced, for several reasons; and, Whereas the suggestion has been made by the representatives of the liquor traffic to test the voters in the same vote on the method of raising the necessary revenue if prohibition should carry; therefore,

Resolved, that we confidently look for the prompt introduction of the promised bill at the next session of Parliament, and respectfully request (1st) that the basis of the vote be the franchise on which the next Parliament will be elected, and (2nd) that the issue of prohibition be submitted separate from all other questions of public policy. Especially do we object to any method of raising revenue being joined with prohibition in the vote, as the problem of revenue has been, is, and will continue to be a public question, large and important enough to be dealt with by itself.

2. We rejoice in the hopeful outlook warranted by the report of the Executive in the field of parliamentary and political action throughout the Provinces.

3. In Quebec an election has just been held, and we are glad that four Ministers are announced by the Premier as total abstainers, and that our friends are hopeful of making progress with the new Legislature.

4. We approve of the introduction into the Nova Scotia Legislature of the bill to prohibit the retail sale of intoxicating liquor, and express the hope that it may prevail.

5. We regret that the representatives of the people in Ontario where the plebiscite carried by 82,000 of a majority, failed to support several measures of progressive legislation urged at the last session of the Ontario Legislature.

6. That we strongly urge that prohibitionist electors who have party affiliations, be present in the local caucuses of their parties, in order to secure such prohibitionist representation in the county nominating conventions as shall secure known and avowed prohibitionist candidates for Parliament.

7. We also recommend that no candidate however satisfactory his pledges may be, should be endorsed or supported unless his past record has been such as to show that his support may be counted upon on this question.

FINANCES.

Mr. W. H. Orr, Chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—That we find all vouchers in order under the Treasurer's report, and recommend its adoption.

That this Council has always depended for funds upon assessments levied upon the different Provincial branches of the Alliance, but hitherto

Quebec and Ontario are the only Provincial organizations which have responded. In view of the expected Dominion Plebiscite contest, and the overdrawn condition of our treasury, we recommend that a call be now made upon the seven Provinces as follows :—Ontario, \$100; Quebec, \$50; Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba, \$25 each, and Prince Edward Island and British Columbia, \$10 each, total, \$285.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On behalf of the Committee on Business and Nominations, Mr. John A. Paterson presented the following report which was received and adopted :—

Your committee recommend that the following be elected officers for the ensuing year :

President.—Hon. A. Vidal.

Vice-Presidents.—At large, J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., L.L.D. : For Ontario, Hon. J. C. Aikens, R. J. Fleming : For Quebec, J. R. Dougall, Hon. Sidney A. Fisher : For Nova Scotia, Hon. A. R. Dickey, J. B. Flint, M.P. : For New Brunswick, Rev. Joseph McLeod, D.D., A. H. Hannington : For Prince Edward Island, Hon. David Laird, A. Borne : For Manitoba, Rev. Dr. G. Bryce, W. Redford Muloch : For Northwest Territories, Frank Oliver, M.P., W. M. F. Evans : For British Columbia, A. Morrison, M.P., J. B. Kennedy, M.P.P.

Corresponding Secretary, F. S. Spence.

Recording Secretary, J. H. Carson.

Treasurer, W. H. Orr.

Executive Committee.—The officers of the Alliance and the following : Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D., Rev. Geo. Washington, Rev. W. R. Parker, D.D., F. W. Watkins, J. M. Walton, A. M. Featherston, S. J. Carter, M. H. Fitzpatrick, M.P.P., Dr. E. J. T. Fisher, T. Urquhart, Rev. W. A. MacKay, D.D., C. T. Williams, Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, H. O'Hara, Rev. A. Lee Holmes, John A. Paterson, Rev. T. S. Williams, D.D., Mrs. J. S. Sanderson, Major E. L. Bond, Frank Buchanan, Rev. S. G. Stone, D.D., Rev. J. A. Turnbull.

Committee on Legislation.—The officers of the Alliance and A. M. Featherston, Major E. L. Bond, W. W. Buchanan, S. P. Leet, Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Dr. Saunders, Rev. John Wood, W. R. Hibbard with all members of the Senate and House of Commons favorable to the principles of the Alliance.

The meeting was closed with prayer led by Rev. Dr. Lucas.

The council then adjourned.

J. H. CARSON,
Recording Secretary.